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### ASSIGNEE'S STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP 37 CFR 3.73(B)

Boston Scientific Scimed, Inc., formerly known as, Scimed Life Systems, Inc. a corporation is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of a chain of title from the inventor(s), of the patent application identified above, to the current assignee as shown below:

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### ARTICLES OF MERGER OF BOSTON SCIENTIFIC SCIMED, INC. WITH AND INTO SCIMED LIFE SYSTEMS, INC.

Pursuant to Minnesota Business Corporation Act, Section 302A, the undersigned, Boston Scientific Scimed, Inc., a Minnesota corporation ("BSS"), and Scimed Life Systems, Inc., a Minnesota corporation ("Scimed Life"), hereby adopt the following Articles of Merger for the purpose of merging BSS with and into Scimed Life, with Scimed Life being the surviving corporation.

- 1. The Agreement and Plan of Merger between BSS and Scimed Life dated as of December 15, 2004 (the "Merger Agreement"), as required by Minnesota Business Corporation Act, Section 302A.615, subdivision 1, is attached hereto as Exhibit I.
- The Board of Directors and sole shareholder of BSS approved the Merger Agreement in a joint written action dated as of December 15, 2004 pursuant to Minnesota Business Corporation Act, Section 302A.613.
- 3. The Board of Directors and all of the shareholders of Scimed Life approved the Merger Agreement in a joint written action dated as of December 15, 2004 pursuant to Minnesota Business Corporation Act, Section 302A.613.
- 4. The name of the surviving corporation shall be Boston Scientific Scimed, Inc.
- 5. The merger shall be effective upon the later of 12:01 a.m. on January 1, 2005 or the filing of these Articles of Merger with the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, BSS and Seimed Life have caused these Articles of Merger to be executed by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized this <u>22</u>Jday of December, 2004.

BOSTON SCIENTIFIC SCIMED, INC.

SCIMED LIFE SYSTEMS, INC.

By:

Paul A. LaViolette

Chief Executive Officer and President

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